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Chris arrived at c. 9.30 at Haylesth in an x registration Ford Fiesta which took interior mud encrusted design to a work of art level. Boxes & tool boxes etc were duly loaded somewhat randomly with it all settling down into the least mobile locations as our journey progressed. We stopped just past Salisbury (next to a ridge with chalk cut military bungalows) c. 1pm for a lunch break... 56 miles per seemed to be the maximal speed to accommodate 'car vibration' and the lack of engine power. By c 3pm Dartmoor and shifting perspectives of showery rain and dappled sun filtered light were strong<sup>ing</sup> across the skyline. As we skirted around Dartmoor the Moors, Downs & tors of E Bodmin Moor stretch across the skyline. In the light behind them they appear magnifici. Such distant-perspectf must potentially have engaged post-communities to be drawn out of their world creating a mythology of 'the worlds' or physical investigation of them.

We arrived at the campsite rather late (c 7pm), found no one, and made our way to our meet point at the N base of Butter Hill. Travelling across the airfield to this point the Moor seemed open + sterile until the Distal end of Brown Willy + Rough Tor appear - Brown Willy end on and far less striking (as always) from the crevices, and complexities of Rough Tor. Eventually, via sunken lanes we hit the base of Butter Hill - beyond as we knew but could not see, was the hidden world of Lesternick. . . from this approach there was no gradual acclimatisation to the Moor. Butter Hill was a dramatic barrier - it gave the impression that a secret world lay beyond - - We must try multiple ways of approaching Lesternick. - each one is so different in its sequentially revealed vistas - - now paralleling for me the same fascination of changing views that the structural form of Rough Tor creates. Met B+C+M at the base of Butter Hill - reallocated to our new 4-wheel drive meet point at

The base of Trewint Downs Julie Doughton arrived soon after with the 4-wheel drive, with Keith Goodyear driving - Dan & Spaniel - sheepdog were there too. Keith Goodyear was bright-eyed and kind, Julie looked like the sort of person who would understand what we were doing. They both obviously loved the moor. They helped us load up our heavy gear + we drove out the moor with Chris G sitting on the bonnet of the Landrover + the rest of us crouched on the front or back or walking behind - The light was marvellous - lowering sunlight with all of the features showing up on the moor + casting long shadows - turf stack enclosures, field boundaries, ancient wounded trackways - a Rough Tor peak eventually coming into view + finally the barrow at the end of the row where we deposited our stuff according to our 'ancient' tradition of last year. We covered it with white tarpaulin - visual pollution providing us with out

Orientating landmark for walking up to the stone each morning - During the journey up Keith told me about how the farmers moved slate across the moor taking bracken from the moor down to the slate quarries (for packing the slate in) + returning across the moor with small quantities of slate as their 'payment'.

The evening meal was in Barbados Penn's caravan - Chris, me + Penni, Chris, Mike, Jen, Marilyn - lovely pasta + tuna + salad + a banana dish - all with social potential to be ambient when - I really cannot remember how we got onto the subject of site/project hierarchies + our ideas about the symbolic relationship of the Lestennick community with the stones of the hill.

Mike intensely responded to both concepts his functionalist approach to the use of the stones left us (M+B+Ic) immediately stunned but it degenerated into the usual statements that we had no proof

of our view without excavation - as if excavation ever answers anything ideological! His intensity that I was in the end 'boss' also left me stunned: No doubt I was naive to presume that it was self-evident that I wanted to discuss the process of excavation + that I did not consider my ideas meant to be in anyway pre-eminent against theirs. Ash + Chris G sat silent - a block of three sitting on the caravan sofa looking down at me on the floor... I explain that the file manual had been written by Helen - perhaps we were under her hierarchy in mind.

Monday June 3rd

Visit Institute caravan + discover that a caravan diary is in progress... feel more optimistic that something different might be happening after all - must keep communicating.

The weather doesn't look too good

Travel to site with Chris, me asking anxiously about Mike: Chris reassured me that it is not personal. I am re-at base of Terwint Hill. Mike + Ash

too - Mike seems fine  
 we slowly walked up to the campsite the  
 heavy tool boxes . . . my lungs still hurt!  
 Arrived c 10.15 . . . met Helen Sophie on  
 the barrow - Helen complete with rucksack  
 having just come over from Dartmoor. Mike &  
 Ash & Helen + I went down to the terminal area -  
 discussed layout of grid + positioning of trench .  
 Much confusion involved - probably mine . . .  
 too many of us discussing it! leave Helen  
 & Ash setting up the grid and went up  
 to the South and West Settlements to look  
 at the two houses which we have chosen  
 to excavate. House 39 looked large +  
 complicated and we finally decided on a  
 'criss-cross' quadrant method. House  
 23 with its triangular backstone was impressive  
 and manageable with an apparently stone-free  
 surface. Mike likes Hut 23 . . . may be we  
 have signs of structure bonding here?  
 The weather got worse + worse through all  
 of this - now continuous wind-swept  
 rain. We had lunch at the camp tent - -  
 sheltering under a small piece of

plastic sheeting which Ash provided  
 After lunch we graded out the huts.  
 huts 23 + 34 , finished the stone row and  
 and set up the corner posts of the stone row fence .

Bad weather finally drove us off the site c. 6pm  
 The journey of the hut was filled with  
 the bleak mutterings of 'white rain'.

Back at the campsite Pippa, Andrew,  
 Gill, Anna, Matt and Cristal have arrived  
 - all worried about the weather. Helen has  
 decided not to set up her tent <sup>in the wet</sup> to share with  
 Marilyn. Had a talk in the excavation <sup>(made dinner) - this + Barbara return + eat with me</sup>  
~~caravans~~ <sup>annuls</sup> ~~lunch~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~caravan~~ - discuss ~~new~~ <sup>old</sup> caravans about excavation + alternative <sup>excavation</sup> ~~huts~~ <sup>caravans</sup>.

Mike concluded that all the patterning <sup>is</sup> in  
 the Lescornick settlement + stone row  
 area is pre-existing. Mayed out with the  
 boulder stream which follows the Butter  
 Hill/Brydson route in front of the site .

We also had a discussion about excavation  
 hours. I felt ill at ease to be discussing  
 the possibility of a regimented timetable . . . but soon  
 realised the 'luxury' of my view. Digging  
 is a tiring, physical process which needs to be  
 paced to a known timetable . . . they were

treating it like a job -- and yes they were right that more would be physically achieved by such a pattern. Returned to the Adam/Horn/Tilley caravan - and drink whiskey + talk to C & Gpm. Discuss the potential for a ~~new~~ a fragmented project with Horn's caravan working to an isolated different philosophy to the Settlement Survey + B+CT. I feel transitional between the two - Chns' admits that he has been angry for most of the day that I did not consult him on the location of the stone row trench (surely we had discussed so often in London that we were all agreed anyway?) He admits that it is placed exactly where he wants it anyway!

Tues June 3rd

Leave camp late at 8pm with CG after 2hr sleep as still out for the count and I asked Barbara to wake him up in due course. We went to Hodges in Padmin + bought more fence posts + chicken wire. Walking up to site via the base of Butter Hill, Bosy Down we follow Mike's boulder stream narrative - fantastic stones line the route, whole stones (smooth) in particular - all of the structure of Lescarnick in a stream. Arrived to find Barbara Chns + the students clustered in a hole listening to the story of Lescarnick. Retraced down to the stone terminal area - discussed the location of the excavation trench & the nature of the stone row location / referencing [Chris G en route notes the boulder stream via Henry's graveyard of triangular stones - says it is a birthing place of triangular stones with big + small ones. When the latter idea is reported to Barbara - I say it - she promptly retorted chns G won't be happy with that 'idea' of the stones]

After talking about the terminal area -  
excavation - discuss the debriefing sequence  
(I shaped to allow rolling of the stones) with  
Helen & CT's presence - keeping him informed!

Return to the car with Ash/Cs to collect  
the fence posts + chicken wire netting - meeting  
a killed man with Irish wolf-hound + set  
of bagpipes. He is the army warden for footmen.

Lunch by a babbling stream. Return to site with  
gear - enormously heavy - get trained to  
balance the wooden posts on one shoulder + the  
chicken wire on the other - eventually much better,  
once the technique is mastered. Once back discuss  
what is happening at the terminal trench with H  
He gives a talk to those coming down from the  
settlement survey. The trench is half extended  
into a mound like area which looks  
disturbed around the buried area of the stone.

I think that it is a spoil heap from relatively  
recent digging around the stone. CT imagines  
two little barrows enclosing either side of the  
stone. Pippa has identified what appears  
to be a pit line with a shovelled base  
I go to look at the settlement site on return

a group are gathered around the tool  
kit discussing "hours" of work. Helen  
has obviously introduced that the digging  
team would like a 9:00 - 6:00pm timetable.  
Chris + Barbara talk about flexibility -  
come off site when you want attitude.  
I defend the digging team's view but say  
that everyone else can do what they want to  
on returning to the settlement. I have  
Sloe gin with Penn + B in their caravan.

Manly + Chris are their bus - I work out  
accounts with them - Chris + B have already  
overspent their budgets. - after me giving  
their maximum expenditure brief - .  
- just typical - I shall have to work out  
how to accommodate some of it - . . . it  
all so time consuming - left with a pile of  
bills. Have some of my Sloe Gin with CT -  
talk to 1pm - He asks why I have so many  
male supervisors - asks if I get on better with  
men than women - I do point out I am pro-female  
I am with that I like her - but that  
I was unable to find other females. It amuses me  
that he thinks that I get on with males better  
-- evidence the frowning mike !!

Wed June 4th

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Went again w CG to the builders and purchase some more chicken wire for the terminal trench. When we arrive on site it is evident that the moor cattle have pushed through/over our fencing & have trampled over the bottom of the trench - the wire is sorted out and barrier tape tied at regular intervals.

\* Talk about working hours again with CG in the car - I asked why he doesn't just work flex-time on site - stopping digging when he's tired. He says that he would stop almost immediately on that basis. Digging makes you permanently tired + you just have to face yourself to survive. He takes two days holiday at the end of each project to recover.

I go up to the settlement with EG + suggest to B+CT that we discuss Mikes v-professional plan of H23 versus

/alongside with their elevation sketches  
This is agreed + we walk over to H23  
I ask Mike about the merits of his profession plan versus the sketching method. He appears somewhat exasperated and the words do not flow. He says that they are just different + that he does not see how the sketches can be interpreted especially where a slope differentially emphasizes stones - how is this shown in the roll out sketch elevation. B is very impatient and pretends that the door frame is a conspicuous stone twerks up + down changing its position on the house slope + saying that it does not look unidirectional. I dive in to rescue the conversation saying that Mike's drawing uses standard rules - if questions are generated the drawings provide info within the rules. - the rules must be made clear w/B's drawings so that others can use them - ask questions create alternative narratives - they might gain from annotation -- I feel that B doesn't understand what I am saying + becomes defensive whereas I am merely

interested in, and investigating how their method is leaved as an alternative narrative that is intelligible. I talk with Wayne afterwards who has good ideas about graphic as well as a good awareness of the issues involved.

We photograph Hut 23 - using a wheel barrow for elevation which I push up.

After lunch start levelling. I know TBM is needed since over stone with the TBM on it will be removed from the trench soon.

The dump is super glued to its tripod - this causes much concern - but with Dennis' help we finally sort out how to use it.

Meanwhile CG + I talk about H23 trench features - Pippa has found a square off cut, + at least two layers in the S "mound" - how it abuts / overlaps with the N mound is not resolved.

Mike + CG overall for wrapping <sup>1<sup>th</sup></sup> it removing it quickly - + just taking a section through it telling me only something interesting. I say that this sounds like

a CT approach - BS says yes but coming in from very different examples with CG is much more careful (a luxury unique to a research excavation) + points to property he excavated everything. Mike returns, emphasising that Hut 24 which he is now planning will take much longer than expected.

Return to Juliet's Well via supermarket where I look for a battery and CG buys his fix of junk food. Return to caravan - CT goes out for dinner + I make my own. Time passes. Went up to the bar to make a telephone call + find Helen, Marilyn, Anna, Wayne + Jill drinking outside. I stayed with them + we drift into talking about group dynamics. Wayne talks about 'grenades' - he is referring particularly to the H23 'frica'.

Wayne talks about the mixture between calm (for him hut planning) and sudden intense "argument" - says that he senses a history / agenda to this which has a <sup>before</sup> entrenchment beyond the moment that the discussion emerges in front of the students.

Set up two whiskies for Mike - we now have a bet that he cannot kill Green Bushmills (his bottle) from Black Bushmills (my bottle). If he wins he gains my bottle.

points out that it is quite draining (I agree) but sees it as profitable and important. Wayne also talks about the tiring walk to site + the length of time working before breaks. I get a sense that more than the excavation team would like parameters to pace themselves on tiring days.

Return to the caravan c. 11.30 pm + work for c. 1 hour sorting out the excavation files.

Where is CT? ... I suddenly ~~then~~ realise

that I have been away a long time - c. 1pm just as I am going to bed he crashes through the caravan door (the caravan in fact moves with minimum effort). Soon he is telling me that he was irritated with me for c. 20 mins today (v. exact) and that I wasn't to upset B who was a wonderful person + the mother of the project. I feel really misunderstood / misrepresented but know that I have misjudged unsaid parameters

TUES JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>

After another late night (bed c. 2pm) got up at 7.00. Chris T was up as I was leaving the caravan. As I go over to the digging caravan to return Ash's now washed socks (that Mr. idy lent two days ago) talk to CG in the car - ask him about his view of the Hut 'frica? and his view of CT's comments of late last night. He supportively says that he thought I was discussing different recording/perception approaches rather than being empirical dismissive etc. Walk on site via Butter Hill / Bry Down  $\Rightarrow$  West Moor boulder stream - I don't want to change this lovely walk. Wayne has persuaded the others of the Westmoor gate approach (obviously because of the weight of carrying the water). Arrive on site c. 8.45 pm and discuss with H (CG + M + SG present) the best way of speeding up the stone row terminal excavation.

This is really the continuation of a discussion which we had yesterday evening (unrecorded). Across the top

(West side) of the trench is a disturbed area. Comprising two mounds separated by a depression. The N mound has a small upright stone near it (aligned on the stone row). In front (and at 90° to the W mound) is the deeply buried end of the largest stone in the terminal - How are we going to cope with this 'quickly' - Matt + Pippa keep boasting further 'soil excavation' in the mounds (robber midden tips? - demised curvus) The 'pit' around the largest terminal stone is a large stain (g apit). CT (now known as ET) CG, + m-s-T are all for bashing a section through the lot + mattocking it out quickly - CT wants it all out quickly to find something interest. H agrees today to clean up the area, plan it + put a section across it - H + Pippa are much more 'gentle' / subtle in their approach to the site -- It is obviously a privilege in a research

excavation - leaving H to 'her trench' CG + I set about levelling from a new TBM (on the stone row) [to the old TBM is on a terminal stone which will be shifted during the excavation] to hut 23. We take out Penn's dumpy level confusion - we had never seen a level quite like it! <sup>+ screws!</sup> It took several trips up + down the hill to the settlement to sort out how to work it -- It was in fact very simple ... Penni must have thought us somewhat idiotic levelled from the stonewall TBM to hut 23 - A 7m change in height This amazed me I would have said that it was much more ~ since we 'shambled' around the stones of the hill going up + down until the Fowey Valley appears steeply below. It seemed like the situation with on site planning + elevation sketching - the facts do not "mirror" perception ask Chris (who yesterday half complained) on all the walking he was doing up + down the settlement what the change in height

was - shower & 40m! \*

After lunch - got Matt to deliver hut 23 (after photo) Helen cleaned up the stone row trench + we got Judy to take lots of photos. Left site (having arranged

\* Strong up one of Penn's 2m grids - made + designed by herself ~ a very ingenious device

for Gary Robinson to be collected by Anne. Return to Camp site - pick up Helen + Judy + go back to Salisbury (via Somerton dropping off Judy + t1). Arrive at C + Karen's house c. 12:00 am . . .  
A hot evening - windows open in house - make hot water bottle (after sandwich meal + go to bed - realise that I am burnt red. It was a marvellous day . . . I feel calm + happy

FRIDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>

travel up to London for exam board - Horrible sticky hot day in London. See film poster entitled 'Rough Magic' - ideal for a hesternick chapter!  
Return home on the Salisbury train w Chris + B - afterwards driving in Chris' car to Honiton to drop Barbara who has left her ice cream van at Honiton Station. Amazing sheet lightning + rain as we drive across Dorset + Devon - quite frightening. Arrive home c. 12:30 - amazingly the light is still on in the excursion van. Perhaps M is waiting for his results - the shower is no! . . . he doesn't want to hear them!

SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>th</sup>

No Helen (on back from getting her exam results in London) Commence by getting the trench clean of topsoil - ready material ready for planning. Paint 'dull black' dol-on TBM ②

+ ask Pippa + Matt to plan, sketch the TBM (②) location, and level the stones. Go up to Hut 23 where dehort has finished in my absence Gary + Chris begin travelling it properly (down to a gritty surface) + I clean up between the stones. It is difficult to truly locate a door on this structure. The triangular back stone may well be in a niche (the wall most seems single). Talk to Wayne about hut 23 - deliberate circularity + with <sup>but 23 is looking more angular</sup> enclosures to keep animals in & out. Hut 23 is now not looking as circular as it originally did. <sup>Lunch time goes up to go out to open results site</sup> After lunch show Pippa how to use the level.

\* <sup>Best place on the site for the event - at least he has a sense of style.</sup> Late afternoon we decided to move the stonehole stone from the trench - The stonehole is filled with spoil to protect it + the area in front with tufts with leaves (2 fence posts) Joe flick the stone over twice <sup>using fence post lever</sup> + remove it from the trench (Me CC, Matt, Pippa).

A great feel feeling of achievement is felt by us + we leave the site late as a consequence - no much for regulations times

\* Spend some time with CT + B looking around the enclosures noting conspicuous stones.

NB during the ~~morning~~<sup>afternoon</sup> CT showed me Hut 15 which possibly is a court within the settlement area.

Go to an extraordinary slow fishchip shop on the way back with EG, M + ASL. CG has an interface with the beautiful day clear sky, hazy with a breeze ☀

- Kristen arrived this evening - Chris + Karen visited Crystal's caravan while I went over to the excavators caravan + performed the 'blind' whiskey challenge - Mike

got Chivas' Regal, Black Bushmill + Green Bushmills in reverse order of his hierarchy

of quality as a result I gain the remaining contents of his bottle of B Green Bushmills. Return to Laranc c. 12.15 am -- Karen in bed - hear Chris returning c. 1.30pm.

\* go to chip shop on way back CG had frieda with shopgirl - due to her not giving him the chips. He ordered... quite shocked at the violence of his response

Sunday June 9th -  
 breakfast - CT not smoking - Karen has had an instant  
 C on holiday effect - he smokes outside the canvas  
 white I have my breakfast.  
 The weather suggests rain so my 8pm leave  
 from the camp site. CB is having a day off  
 (CT has given the nickname completely  
 grounded) Aim to consider on the SR trench  
 CG's comment <sup>(yesterday)</sup> that the 'stone hole' doesn't  
 fit the stone across it - - gravity would  
 pull it over. It is obvious that only one  
 end could have fitted in the hole - the  
 'flat' non pointed end - - but the hole  
 is not particularly deep - maybe the  
 smaller double flat-topped stone (ie both  
 ends) would better fit the hole. Arrive on  
 site as Mike + Pippa to find that for once  
 the horses and cattle have not crossed our  
 trench. The Prehistoric Society (morning)  
 and the Cornish Archaeological Society are  
 coming today - still no Helen ..

Is she OK? Get Pippa + Matt clean of  
 the turf remains (roots) to plan the  
 surface of the SR trench prior to sectioning  
 across the burrow + stone hole features  
 at the western end. Karen comes to help with

the excavation - I teach her to set up the  
 level - - she makes lots of sensible comments.  
 Mike goes to Hut 23 to complete its  
 planning (under the turf layer) - - he  
 seems in a more smoky mood having  
 been declared 1st class (his degree result)  
 To our horror? While viewing across the  
 Fowey Valley from Hut 23 we see the Prehistoric  
 Society appearing <sup>over the horizon</sup>. We have never seen so  
 many people in our landscape - The wild  
 horses start gallop towards them. We  
 are all slightly bad tempered - . The  
 wind has been unrelentlessly blowing  
 across the Leskernick and there is a large  
 chill factor. Chris leads the society  
 up the stone row - describing the features  
 of the landscape + changing perspective  
 effects <sup>"The rough Tor effect"</sup> - arriving at the stone row trench  
 - my turn to explain - realise that my  
 voice has not fully recovered from  
 pneumonia - - then back to chns for  
 a discussion in the southern settlement -  
 Mayne (+ Penn) provide an excellent  
 outline of their rapid planning methods

-- By the end of the first week they have planned all of the southern settlement which is an interesting parameter of time versus results in meaningful recording. They are beginning to be able to record features of individual houses + their characteristics - this is surely another virtue of planning/recording from Lanzahan - it engages familiarity + knowledge - perhaps their way emerges a perceived reality (rather than an abstract measured reality) which is more in key with experiencing the potentials of (in this case) a Bronze Age world.

We transverse across to other huts - having had lunch in a S set hut B discusses crenellations + sequence - we arrive at Hut 23 - explanation of the excavation - how notice even more that the back wall is resting on an ancient land surface with the Backstone driving deeply. Talk enroute + afterwards with Rob Bowley concerning the virtual reality application + levels of

interpretation - he is interested in our context sheets + levels of confidence - the air photo unit does something similar using 5 levels of confidence. Also talk to Tim Champion who is supportive + mentions Gilberti work on BA houses (post) where he notes simple wooden posts opposite the entrances - like our backstones? Pete Kerning discusses the quoit - having got details of its distance viewing platform / know → quoit (x ~~cats~~ Beacon Hill barrow) alignment from the Greenwich Observatory - a late Neolithic setting of the sun through the quoit has been calculated.

As the society departs - note T Blackman + the Cornish Arch Society Group appearing across the horizon. More wine + some sun - another guided tour. Matt notes charcoal <sup>+ late</sup> in the north mound of the S & SW Terminal - get Pippa to plan the interface between the mounds + largest stone pit. Mike + Garry finishing off now browelling down to a silty surface on Hut 23. Ian finishes planning hut 39

Where is Heten - am worried or maybe she is celebrating her exam results. Karen obviously gone home (ill with stomach pains) → Go home via Spar supermarket - no fresh vegetables - horrors!  
 - smazing - buy frozen peas instead \*

Finish eating, waiting when Christ arrives  
 -- talk to 2pm

\* Realise to have the tidy bins of the diggers caravan - search for ash tray - ~~found nothing after extensive looking~~  
 Monday 10th June wash floor, chuck out vast  
 heap of fog ends in the enclosure dust bins -  
 feel calm & optimistic in a clean (floor washed) caravan.  
 Woke up 7 pm ready to leave by 7.45 pm.

lots of rain - decided to get site books,  
 planes etc up to form. Discuss annotation  
 with Mike & Plans - he is rather against interpretation  
 being placed on them. Says that it is in the site  
 notebooks - I want it to understand his  
 process of interpretation - - he agrees to put  
 it on a photocopy of the plan.

The settlement survey team decided to stay  
 away from site and discuss methodology  
 etc - Penn later arrives on site -

tells us that all of the discussion is being  
 tape recorded - - spend afternoon surveying  
 from the SRT TBM to hut 39 to centre

TBA - Also survey from Hut 39 to  
 Hut 23 to check the 7m - its fine just  
 cut by 5cm. Mike cleans ↓ Hut 23 to a  
 clean surface (silty but easily to peat  
 easily coming ↓ to a higher area -  
 is this a decomposing horizon?  
 the granite pieces show signs of decomposition  
 around their edges. We have our first  
 small find - a stone rubber near the edge  
 of the lower wall. Mark TBMs in Hut 23  
 + Hut 29 \* lovely day despite rainy start  
 - sun + growing wind. Return to find  
 Anna + later Jill making a meal for  
 all of us in our caravan. We actually eat  
 in B+Penn's caravan. Its good to have  
 us all socialising together. Wayne  
 launches into another settlement survey  
 v. excavation dichotomy - - this has  
 gone on too long - - I feel it is a  
 construct rather than something that  
 I am intellectually part of

\* Heten has finally sectioned the end  
 of the trench - she has now treated

as an evaluation excavation - we discuss loss of area information  
 Various info is saved in the section - if we wanted more area info - Chris points out we could have done a cumulative section. Big dinner: arrive back to find Anna + later Jill cooking exotic Sri Lankan food in our

II. DUNG . 96 caravan - all the fresh vegetable smell wonderful - keep picking at them - eventually the food is moved across to B's caravan + we have

Social a splendid social meal at which CG is really friendly to everyone, so is

- our soc relationships with others is seriously inhibited by his confrontational attitude & archaeologists (m st)
- solution excavation encounter (EE) to share or accumulating knowledge/ percepts

- bring notebook pens etc.
- write in trench during
- ~~in the kitchen~~ package 6pm
- describe what they see
- all dig for 1/2 day ?, or arrive for
- Fatty start . 8am start
- 2 people more please

waylaid by Wayne and Mike talks to Christal never coming into the 'body' of the caravan CT on good form with Shrine jokes. Wayne

### Excavation:

- Hut 23 - no evidence of it so far except walls
- Possibility of tracing it is excluded
- pollen sampling - cross control - fallen stones deeply buried at time of excavation
- Problem of digging inside
- justifying plan to put it back

### End Mon June 90

tells the excavation team that he feels that we are keeping ourselves too separate - a familiar theme - why don't we come and see their recording methods - I remember what happened the last time we discussed them ! I do however resolved to discuss the situation further with Barbara + the excavation team . . . leave the party at 12.45 + go to bed . . . no idea what time Chris returns to the caravan - - - too late for me to notice

Tuesday June 11

wake up at 7:00 - wonderful sound of the wind flowing through the trees - grey sky, grey rolling mist + rain. Find note on table from Chris asking to be woken at 7:00 pm - duly bang on the door - just catch him as I go across to the excavation casuarina at 8pm --- it looks a little too too wet for work -- but we 'try' via the Westmoor gate <sup>= 2nd time</sup> <sub>in time as normal</sub> approach to Helen + Gary turn back pretty quickly. Instead we go back to Cambridge + become the first customers of a newly opened coffee shop. It feels somewhat surreal drinking coffee in gold cafeteria <sup>on</sup> ~~with~~ pink table cloths. We have a lengthy discussion about timetables. The reality is that excavating stone houses is very time consuming - so much needs to be planned + the excavation keeps stopping course to accommodate this. 10 days is not enough to complete excavation of Hut 23 + one quadrant of Hut 39 especially since we must extend the excavation outside

the walls to be them in stratigraphically we discuss whether the excavation really needs to be longer than the surface work to achieve useful results. we finally produce a people, time + equipment 'timetable' for each trench to focus on the reality of the situation. Since that CG feels complete nervous, ill at ease <sup>(as opposed to sample)</sup> with a half reswed finished excavation - so different to an evaluation situation - Mike is more sanguine about this situation. We agree that they both (CG + Mike) have carte blanche to crack the whip? - push the excavations along more intensively. CG offers MR to have a day off - given that he will be away (the European Cup) for 6 days. We also discuss the social situation at consider inviting the settlement surface team to come down to site regularly at the end of the day for us to explain / discuss not only the trench but our methods of methodology - like the contrast between an invasive recovery of info

V. surface info - levels of confidence eh - We will invite them to contribute to our trench diaries. Return to camp site to check upon the others - - - Penni + Babs remain. The others have gone to get fish + chips for lunch + others to St Ives - it has become an afternoon off - the rain continues. Talk to B in caravan about need to organise a dig time table which allows finishing of key parts or all of each trench - - -

B says that the surface survey too needs all its people - to complete their task - - Penni offers to go + buy more hand shovels + buckets to speed the excavation process (we are a little short, with people sharing buckets). Time to return to site (Gary, Mike Ash me CG) - Westmoor gate this time. We resolve to go up whatever and achieve 4 things 1) recover the level for sketching up w Super glue 2) cut a control pit on the S/T trench for pollen 3) string up lines to extent the hut excav trench beyond the walls 4) place a TBM on the Hut 2B plan. Everyone works hard + achieves

this in driving rain. Helen digs the soil pit and is called in mud. We return c. 4-30pm - Sophie arrives enroute taking Helen in her car. Helen later returns to my caravan for a shower + leaves her wet clothes for dry - finds subsequently a watch, sock + pile of muddy grass in the bathroom as a reminder of her - also a ~~sample~~ Shampoo sachet - her mind is clearly on other things - have herbal tea + chat with her - -

No CT as yet possibly he too has gone to St Ives. Really loved the atmospheric effects today - driving across the airfield the messives of Rough Tor and Brown Willy were invisible - walking from Westmoor gate via the stone row to the settlement was meridior stumbling through rolling mist + slashing rain - if the May has cleared, Rough tor had appeared in would have been amazing within such mystery. <sup>feel</sup> sense a sense of theatre in those atmospheric conditions

Spend evening talking to Chris + Crispie who arrived with cornst parties then

babs + then Chris alone. Chris tells me about conversations (yesterday) concerning the feelings<sup>various</sup> which people have about the Stone row/ individual houses. I surmised that Pippa like me feel that she is crossing the Stone terminal in excavating it. I felt like that for quite some time and now today on arrival the abuse of the fence by the cattle seems positively vicious - completed bent chicken wire, a snapped wire etc. They do the same with the Stone row flags - first one moving in + chewing the a chunk out the flag + then the rest moving in and finishing, eating it + then - pulling up the stakes + stake with a combination of mouth and horn work - constant messages for us to move away! Bed 2pm (after dotted cream + jam supper w/ Chris).

NB also discuss graphics with Chris + creating set photos of modern chairs etc in the houses. I told him that I want a drawing of the

Rough for effect to fit into the site location plan for the stone row terminal. I very much want to mix these art/graphic forms + convention in the final publication. I would also like the graphics to represent the nested scales on single pages + 2) back to front small-scale first - house interior - large scale last - sens plan of the whole site. Returning to the subject of furniture photos in the houses what strikes me as interesting visually is placing inside furniture outside but inside what was once a house.

\* Check plans which B+C have photocopied for Hut 39 - 50% back to front, just typical can't trust them to get a complete task right!

Wed June 12

Wake up to find a ash/fig end tree canvas  
and a glass filled with pretty flowers on  
the table.

Wed June 12<sup>n</sup>

Walk to site via Butter Hill / Bay Downs.  
Pretty white + red flowers scatter the moor.  
The yellows just remain (rock rose) + the  
blues(violets) are dying. There seem to be  
more flowers in the rocky areas -  
none on the Westmoor gate/stone  
now apparent. There must have been huge  
switches in the blues → yellow - white pink  
sequence at Hookernick (same flower  
in BA?) The colours particularly wrong  
Anxiously await the progress of the seasons.  
Annoyant to find yet again the cattle  
(horned bulls) have knocked down or strayed  
fencing. Black hairs are wrapped around  
the distressed chicken wire. we search for  
the most likely culprit - up in the Southern  
settlement there is a black bull who is

strongly suspected

CG + I lay out an increased grid for the  
Southern excavation - Hut 39 - which extends  
it beyond the wall - we now have a 7x5 m  
rectangle, one angle of which forms the house  
quadrant. Also extend the trench in Hut 23  
beyond the wall. Meanwhile the students  
Chris + B am here on site with their installation at  
white plastic chairs + table - garden furniture  
from Marilyn's tent. I would prefer  
real outside furniture for the # idea  
of inside/outside ie inside furniture outside  
in the insides of former huts. It does  
however create a patio effect for the hut +  
is placed in raising the question of outside  
surfaces + places which are as much part of  
architectural space as inside place.  
Am pleased that we are now investigating the  
outside of huts.

Get Gary digging Hut 39 extension  
Clean up with Jo, myself + Chris G. There  
is 'fumble' inside + behind the wall now  
Visible + large ground level that the wall is  
built on. The buckstone is a huge diffuse

triangular pyramid. The house seems enormous - a large effort of construction -

Part of the exposed part of the wall is cellular - Faced back front with rubble in between

Hut 23 begins to look good. Till (now digging with us after an alternation with Wayne) has come across wobbly stones at the back of the house, behind the Shrine stone -

I loved this inside out approach which is now developing - the outside potentially provide more space designated space than the inside. The ground floor of the entrance is flanked by two large ground platforms

Mike is photographed outside 'his' hut - Hut 25

On one of the white plastic chairs he seems quite sanguine about it.  $\oplus$

Look at Helens' trench with CG after

He has left - Most of the N/S section by the large stone pit is "natural".  $\rightarrow$

$\oplus$  Ask Gillie to draw sequential pictures of the 'rougher' effect along the floor now + views from Hut 23 + 39 doorway.

but the cut of the stone pit can be seen on the N/S section - V angular, just near the edge of the stone - spade cut through a cut?

The down sloping E/W stone to S of the big stone may have been an original packing stone on the East side - removed to allow the stone to fall over.

Return to car with CG late. Go to the bar c. 11pm in the evening - discuss inside chairs for the houses (bar allows us to have 4 chairs.) Return to caravan w/ Mike Et + Gary to discuss Andy G (Dorothy's) work called 'Stone'. Mike remains resistant to the idea of brilliance in this work. No ideas to like his hut being called a ~~menstrual~~ 'menstruation hut'!

Talk to C. 2pm\* - Mike finishes both his chivvy + Royal + Black bush mills whiskey - he seems very social! - Have agreed to serve him (warm) his breakfast croissant in 'bed'

\*about

Thurs June 13<sup>th</sup>

Made croissant breakfast for Mike in bed (agreed last Chns' last day for a while (6 days) - <sup>night</sup>)

Want to sit in Ash's car to give Chns a test (radiator problems). Today is really a day off: Mike has taken it but CG + Ash are working - with agreed stop time - left Ash on the SRT while Chns + I finished taking the loose turf of Hut 39. Wynne comes and 'plans' hut 39 when he arrives while Gary continues (not arrived) clearing up the trench area at the back of 39. It is interesting to see how stones have conspicuously changed shape with turf removal / topsoil removal. We are noting broken walls below the turfline. Penni has also fled this for hut 23. She told me that someone from the Archaeological Society said 'where has the bracken gone' when they came up last Sunday. It indicates that the Moor of Lesternick today is just a product of says. The visibility of stones interests me. There must have been many more, or a different range, of significant stones prior to that turf development. The significant stones

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outside Huts 23 + 39 - do buried or partly buried before excavation are the giant flat ones - a category less often chosen as significant in the 'Upstanding' Settlement Survey.

Dave Hooley (the EII Inspector) arrives at Hut 39 while I am trawelling. We discuss the stone 'tumble' in front of + behind Hut ~~23~~ 39 - he wonders if there is too much tumble for the wall width. This particularly relates to the tumble inside the house - may be it relates to some internal structure. The tumble outside the wall on an adjacent segment behind the back-stone he finds more acceptable. The wall, particularly to the left of the back-stone, facing inwards into the house has a cleare structure - a cell like structure with internal + external facing cross-ties + rubble infill.

Go across + see Penni trawelling on Hut 23 - Jill has made a marvellous job of the cobbles emerging around the outside of the triangular back-stone ~~or~~ area - outside the Hut.

Wynne from Devon Radio arrives. Give 1/2 hour interview. Talking mostly about the settlement

and stone rows / circles. When I return to the tent area still appear bring a small quartz crystal for 'bagging' as a 'small find'. It has great beauty - sparkling in the sun - I wonder whether it erodes out of the granite - or natural to the site. They are certainly not everywhere - ~~none~~ other ones found in digging so far. It was found outside the hut in the rubble area next to the house wall at the base of the triangular stone. It evokes significance - was such a small thing selected & brought to the house area - or is it randomly present as a result of downslope slumping of material.

Eventually leave site for Rough Tor (it is our 'day off' visiting spot with Ash + Chris + Wynne). We are leaving later than expected not only because of the radio interview but due to trying to resolve the sequence / cut at the base of the largest stone of the SR terminal. It is very tightly placed in its cut on its northern edge with packing stones only apparent curving around the W + S sides. The hole has a step - just like that on the stonchule 95 - but this hole is, of course so much

bigger mirroring the size of the stone itself. Where is the third stone hole - we are still wondering. There is a stain, + evidence from last year of a hollow around the 'smallest' stone - if the 'hole' is here - the smallest stone is covering this. Part of our resolution debate relating to the 'big' stone is that Ash removed the bulk waste before defining the cut on the S side of it. Chris G had come up to Hut 39 + told me (poor H - all done on her day off) - when I told him to do this after defining the feature. Cleaning up the N-S section before leaving, it does however seem all reasonable.

We leave for Coedds - to pick up Wynne's jeep - he has offered us a ride in it - back to our cars - before we all go to Rough Tor.

Rough Tor we note is becoming covered in bracken. The houses at the base of the Tor (approaching from the car park end) are large like Hut 39 with clear door jambs but no really conspicuous buck stones. Ash notes a quadrant like 'shadow' in one hut and a linear bench dip through the door straight to the back in another. Have these been excavated?

we think. Rough Tor looks fantastical this clear day - we walk around it looking at its sculptured rock stacks - like an Andy Goldworthy - as we begin to walk up it the figure of Mike appears - we have broken the routine of our day. We all climb the Tor together - with Mike & Chris aiming magnificently for the highest ~~peak~~<sup>peak</sup> of the stacks of little Rough Tor. The boulder perched on top rocks with Mike standing on it (+ Chris - on prodding it). Mike we discover carries with a can of strawberries in syrup - for eating on scaling such rocky heights - looking the direction of Showery Tor, it is easy to see the sinuous Neolithic enclosure and the enclosures / piles of stones around the other mini-tors of Rough Tor.

The scree is different on Rough Tor - more massive, more squared tabular, fewer pyramidal & triangular stones. It is interesting that the houses on the carpark side are not built amongst the stones of the Tor/hut but separate. The most fantastical area is that of the stacks. There is evidence of

an enclosure around these stacks. Somehow I feel that Rough Tor is too special to live within - within the stones. The view around is stunning - You can see out of Rough Tor on all sides - but you cannot see in - I like this sense of hiddenss + inside/outside dichotomy.

We return to Compton collecting a Chinese take away for everyone except me - the excavation team obviously are not intending waiting for / relying on the campsite barbecue which Anne intends to cook this evening. Chris & B + various students exhausted from standing for 5 hrs across

Friday June 14th Cradock moor with D Hodder who is a mine of information said good bye to Chris - away to follow the European cup for four days. Walk up to site as always via Butter Side - A833 Gurn

Helen Mike and me - end up camping the yellow tool box - always seem to manage to get lost part of the journey - hope to pass it over to Mike but he strides too far in front of me. Helen carries the red tool box resolutely as always - sturdy the whole way. Solemnly look

NB ~~4000~~ Fowey school children + Tony Blackman comes  
at Helen's trench with the missing side walls  
stone hole baulk - yes we can work out what  
is going on - . On Hut 39 the topsoil  
needs mattocking down - help Cerri for a  
while when Cerri + Jo arrive - let  
Cerri carry on helping - Jo wants to learn /  
see how to take a pollen sample -  
get her to draw the profile + hang tubes in  
During the lunch break C + B tell me about  
Gill's crystal from the back of the cobbled  
area of Hut 23 - Mike has refused to accept it  
as a small find and Gill is somewhat put-  
out. I am not surprised at Mike's reaction  
--- since it is not foreign stone nor a  
humanly produced artefact - - - it is however  
a very attractive crystal and a little bigger  
than any we have recovered so far -  
I have seen this morning Cerri pulled out  
a rather puny example of the same from  
the topsoil of Hut 39. I let her  
the problem rest in my mind until  
I need to go over to Hut 23 for other reasons.  
Penni + Mike are the only people working  
on the hut - I mention the crystal to

Mike - He predictably refuses to small find  
it but in due course a compromise is  
reached - it is a narrative find 'NF' to  
be plotted on the plan as such - i.e. something  
which has contributed to our site discussion  
+ house interpretation considerations. A  
white garden tag is duly marked up as  
NF and nail into the ground at the 'findspot'  
- equally Mike is satisfied because NF  
could also stand for non-fund. The  
spoil heap of Hut 23 looks somewhat like  
Brown Willy - I continue piling up spoil  
to emphasize its effect - - what can we  
make the other spoil heaps mimic?  
Chris shows me his narrative on the  
back stone hut ~ it references the cauldron  
on Brown Willy - not Rough Tor - How  
would we have previously missed this?  
I love the way in which small stone rubble,  
(as he notes) is rising up to enveloped  
and enshrine the huge whale shaped  
backstone + the segmented nature of  
the wall construction now is very  
unusual hewing seen the emerging

and similar excavated structures of Hut 39  
 If Dave Hooley's idea of the Southern  
 Settlement being later than the Western  
 settlement is correct Hut - seems like  
 a model for those of the Southern settle-  
 ment in size, construction a whale shaped  
 backstone

Talk to B about the enclosures -  
 She has noted large flat stones enclosed  
 by upstanding stones. The excavation  
 of the houses makes me feel that the large  
 flat stones are important. Many of these  
 today are covered by the turf - yet the  
 houses on excav seem to pick in particular  
 areas with concentrations of massive  
 flat stones - Huts 23 + 39 both have  
 this. I like the way that the ideas of  
 the settlement survey + the excavations  
 are now beginning to feed off each other  
 and mirror each other. The excavations  
 is the inside of the settlement survey

As we walk back across the moor,  
 me carrying Mikes' plans I notice the  
 absence of circles on them. I ask him to date

them since this is part of the sequence  
 of changing + accumulating documentation  
 which I wish to be able to plot

Karen + Charles have arrived on our return  
 - wash + join everyone in the Messini's arms  
 - have to however leave to get food  
 (myself, Ann + Mike) since we have arrived  
 so late (the others are already eating).  
 Eat instead at the Half Moon talking to  
 Mike + Ann about films

2 shovels apparently stolen from site today -  
 What else is missing ?? :

Saturday Done 15<sup>th</sup>

On arrival on site check the tool situation. One tuf-cutter, two shovels, the sledge hammer & the lump hammer are missing. There are wheel tracks (4 wheel drive) still visible leading up to the barrow shore. Our tools have been stolen - which is depressing. I shall particularly miss my lump hammer + digging, never mind back filling is difficult without shovels. Karen is on site this morning with Charles. We partially sculpt Helen's spoil heap into a Rough Tor profile. The spoil has spread rather haphazardly across the turf so it is good to clean it up anyway. Helen's section across the N/S axis of the barrow now reveals redeposition (slab or top soil molte) in the mound on the S side of the largest stone suggesting perhaps that a pit was dug around the stone down to cut the slab - with the slab being uprooted to form the mound. This dump/mound has a turf line - also apparent in the section. Also in the section, on the S side of the stone hole a waterlain silty deposit can be seen (the section has been extended south). Does this go right around the stone or under where

it has fallen - if so then it is the <sup>fill of the</sup> hollow with waterlain deposits around the originally standing stone. If not, it is deposition in the hollow after the stone fell / was pushed over. Helen is now putting a section along the axis of the largest stone to investigate this further - also a section across the smallest stone to investigate its' hollow first established last year.

Steve Shannon arrives at lunch time & plonks himself down next to me in Hut 39 with no announcement. We are clearing up a linear set of paving, now revealed which look like those we found at Steven's own over a sump. Say goodbye to Penni just after lunch talk to B+Chris before lunch - feel sad - she is a lovely person.

After lunch ~~to the~~ talk to B+Chris - they have been checking some of the sketch planning work & have noticed discrepancies - all very time consuming & casting some doubt on the filled in sheets. We need professional trained sketch planners say Barbara - sounding like my original cry for competent people on the excavation team. It interests me how our separate methodologies / methodological requirements

are beginning to merge and mirror each other.  
Visit Hut 23 late in the afternoon. The cobble area  
is being cleaned up for a photograph. Note  
that inside the house that iron panning is  
hitting through the rubble - i.e. it is later than the  
rubble indicating that the floors are below the  
iron pan - we wonder why the terrace edge at the  
back of the house  $\rightarrow$  is so sharp Mike comments  
that it may have been cut to a more gradual  
break and eroded to its now sharp profile.

Return to the campsite quite late walking with  
Ash + Mike. When we get back to the parking area  
to find Sophie's red Ford Fiesta stranded just  
beyond the ford. Like CQ's another Ford Fiesta which  
cannot start after having passed through the ford.

We finally bump start it. Ash's last day with us  
is finished - the walk back was filled with  
gentle soft sun.

Arrive back at campsite c 8pm Steve, Karen,  
Chris + Chris are in the caravan - we are going out for  
a meal at the Half Crown. Rapidly wash + leave  
with them, complete with dripping snow washed hair  
B, Henry, Marilyn + partner + Kate, Steve, Chris +  
me eat at the restaurant. Remember Kate singing on

the settlement (Southern) today while sitting on  
a stone - it was so evocative - Lesternick peoples  
by a child's song. Much discussion about  
stones and furnishing the Lesternick houses in the  
restaurant - Steve has a somewhat dazed/amazed  
look on his face ... and comments that Lesternick has  
certainly taken a hold of our imagination. Return back  
to the caravan - Chris + Karen got to bed 'early' c.  
11.45 pm. Am still sitting in the caravan reading  
when Mike and Ash later arrive c. 12.30 - Discuss with  
Mike walking from site to Connelford (home) at the  
end of tomorrow evening - just getting a lift in with Ash  
in the morning immediately before his departure - We will  
be able to use Jane's car from Monday morning -

NB Stone chips revealed under largest SRT  
could be packing (original), ramp material for  
steerage when pushing out the stone, or chippings  
from dressing / shaping the stone (Mike).

Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 96

Perfect golden morning - soft breeze, gentle warm sun - talk to Steve before his departure - he seems very supportive of & <sup>is</sup> a 'Virtual Reality' Bodmin - is he being ironical ??

Ash takes Mike + I to site + we say goodbye. Lovely slow walk to site - we do not feel like hurrying ourselves today - Talk a little about excavations at the CABURN. It seems weird that he has managed to work with me twice this summer despite his 'problems' & with my bossiness !

Onsite we study H39 in a little more detail prior to Sophie taking over Ash's planning. We (Mike) note burning around the entrance - greenish black, fire-cracked granite - there is more in the rubble at the back of the house - in the wall rubble now the back stone - no evidence of charred - the burnt material is under the turfline + cannot be very recent. Maybe this is how the house was closed down, may the house was built & rubble taken from elsewhere

Sophie suggests that the Hut 23 rubble area also a draining mechanism - diverting the water

away from the wall and downhill.

Have been trying to take pollen samples from the turfline under the southern SRT dump all day but people, visitors just keep arriving + interrupting. Tony Blackmore, the young archaeologist have been allocated to Henry who makes a marvellous job of it. Mike in Hut 23 is put out by Chris T informing him that 'his house' is infact a broken down camp - with movement? - leave Mike to have his own solitary peace at lunch time

During the afternoon Mo Downton, husband Dan + lovely dog - black with floppy ears arrive - show them around the various trenches - hopefully indicating that we are doing a proper job - she particularly seems to like the houses + Hut 23 cobble area. We discuss how to leave the sites at the end of the season. She interestingly comments that a pile of stones (Hut 23) large stones removed from the hut - might be stolen (I have already mentioned our loss of shovels eh) - Ben has been on site

Monday - the platform was broken at most points  
stones on shoulders of project road such  
cannot presume all one phase  
libble under wall tumbles  
some large orthostats sitting  
sitting on small stone ridges -  
all shallow - cutroot n stone m  
transistor stones on whole - large  
tumble intact bouldering? or is  
that it is sitting inside with walls  
stones stacked on top

Foreign stones - piece of chert

Pieces of burnt quartz - only burnt  
evidence

Today + yesterday (1st sixth form year) - he  
hopes to come to the Institute - He works  
well with Charlie + works hard on site

Tony Blackman finally catches up with me -  
He clearly feels that we are disfrubing 'his'  
landscape. Stalks of the privilege of being  
allowed to dig + duty we have to get it 'right'  
As he asks us to send him our interim reports

Mike set off for Rough Tor abt c. 6:30  
having donated our various tools/mees

of equipment to others to take back. Others  
donate his food for fuel - Helen some dates,  
Marion 2 biscuits. Mike already has a  
tin of peaches in light syrup + a can opener +  
I have 3 almond cakes. As we leave  
Leskernick we walk across to Codden - -  
the route is clear - Brown Willy dominates  
the skyline straight ahead. We will walk  
up over it to Rough Tor. As we approach  
Brown Willy Mike sees a cave which we  
climb up to - It is interesting how a hole  
in the rock face can be so magnetic.  
We also climb up to one of the two lowest  
hubble caves which so mimic the concave  
effect of the rock outcrops themselves. Mike  
adds another rock to one of the caves - the  
top of which has a series of tiny stones  
one balanced on top of the other making mini  
totem poles. It fascinates me how human  
nature is to mimic nature / natural features.  
Leskernick Hill looks marvellous from  
Brown Willy - like a stranded whalebone X  
I can just see the black scar of Hut 23  
excavation trench + spoil heap - & the  
tops of the tors are weathered whalebones that  
become separated as stacks

the twisted, mirror image logic of looking at a sport cheep modelled in the shape of Brown Willy, while looking out from Brown Willy... we continue on to Rough Tor via a deserted farm building - Mike shows me a room with a large back stone on which rests a corbelled roof while a small rubble wall continues behind us masking it - all invisible from the outside

He also shows me a soil profile under a rounded stone. Both of these 'features' he located on his trip to Rough Tor on his day off. The soil/turfline seems to have weathered/grown in horizontally ie it is later than the rounded stone, but preceding it, even although it is underneath it - the implication being that the turfline under the house ~~but Q3 house~~ stones may be later.

We continue to Rough Tor - eating our peaches on Showery Tor. The rucksack seems considerably lighter having emptied the can. It's a lovely still, golden mellow evening - we walk along the hump back road to Compton, arriving back at

the camp site c. 10.15 pm. Jane has arrived. Find her in B1 caravan talking to Brwayne. Brwayne have the Bodmin I Survey open & atk at barrow profiles. The western settlement is clearly problematic - involving a causeway

Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Travel to site with Mike in Jane's splendid clean Rover - clean like this. Decided to work in Helen's trench with Jane & move it along. A lovely peaceful day, without visitors. Jane draws sections the section under the large fallen stone (E-W with stone plinth) & plans the outline of the small stone <sup>sticky clay</sup> feature patch. T begins to empty the <sup>diff colour</sup> cut on the N side of the large stone <sup>to bright reddish</sup> - it is uneven - pick marks? and cuts through the mound & its underlying turfline?

The plinth under the mound is interesting - plinth for leverage - platform around the stone - interconnecting pieces of a smashed stone? chips from an in situ dressed stone? After lunch Helen & Jane find a feature in front of the largest stone (E) opposite end to the cut

that is thickened resting. Is this the third stone hole - it is in alignment with the one of 95. There appears to be some stone packing in it. It is sealed + appears shallow - what is it - a hearth?

Remove small terminal stone from its current position onto the E part of the site excavated down down to natural. Use tongs + protect the site with tufts.

Tin cones don't dress the damaged fallen stone - hopefully as an emotive contrast to June's clinical plan.

Before leaving go back up to Hut 23 - see Mike - He is finishing planning + is absorbed - flex time abounds - it

is 6.30 pm when I arrive. Have a good discussion (see pencil <) - eg ① the walls perhaps are supported by rubble flat straight on the turf or ground or the cobble - The cobble may be an earlier platform on which the house was built - we can't assume it all to be one face. Some burnt quartz has been found. The

state (occ pieces) is clear amongst the cobbles - is it being imported in the Bronze Age?

CT walked to Rough Tor this evening - having previously left his car in the RT car park. Henry + Christine went with him.

Spent the later part of the evening in the bar w Mike + Pete - Henry arrived back imminent the enthusiasm which I had felt the previous night for the Rough Tor walk.

\* CT discovered that someone has acquired several socks from the drying rack outside the caravan window leaving 9 pairs of odd socks! \*\*

\* The fence around the stone row trench is beyond hope - The cattle have forced their way over the wire again. The fence posts need to be hammered in again but we no longer have a hedge or lump hammer for the task. The battery has gone on CG Pentax - Work out a method of coping given that we have run out of B+W film for my pentax MX. - my pentax becomes a glorified light meter to use Chris pentax which still has B+W film in it.

We try both his lens + my macro on the MX light meter - doesn't seem to make any difference.

Mike needs to photograph Hut 23 prior to start

\*\* C agrees that B+W view of Leekwicks - makes it look like a giant whalebone

The stones are not planned - because this is a treated or disrupted site & are not in their original positions - packing stones checked removal - he plans to take some of the uprights (around 10) which appear to be resting on the cobbles. Interestingly the 'triangular backstone' has its edge on a fallen upright which apparently rests on the cobbles. It is therefore not placed on the original ground surface or the cobbles.

*the stone removed  
some widely  
spread same  
for large stone  
eg planned  
stone sitting  
at an angle*

Try to take out the N side of the packing stone, large cut around the largest stone in the terminal (taking out the smashed stone plinth at the same time). It is extremely difficult to define its edge. We decide that it might be better to wait until this stone is removed. While scooping out the feature immediately E of the largest terminal stone cut Jane finds stone packing, - we have a dismantled stone hole - much more disturbed than that of last year (apparently a cross axis to the stone now (unlike last years one). It seems deeper than last years one. We wonder which stone tested in it - possibly the one which we presumed last year rested in the hole excavated last year - this would mean that

*He has produced a stone row in form with shapes etc*  
The Stone of Context 13 tested perhaps in the site excavated last year - We no longer seem to have a low but an increasingly high stone now with each of the two stones higher than the other. This provides a very different stage setting to that provided by last years evidence.

The stone now really does seem to have been tampered with in a major way. The original carefully tested stone is replaced by a scenario of pushed over + dug out stones. This seems especially the case with the large stone. The plinth under the large stone has pieces of stone which apparently fit together - are these stone chippings which have fallen directly in? The underside of the largest stone is very angular + sharp edge - it looks as if it has been considerably modified - to make a pestle? - to make a pointed topped stone? What date did all this happen at - occasional chips of slate suffice the site - but these could be Pithouse, given the presence of slates in hut 23.

A section is cut on the long E-W axis  
of the turfline under Context 13 in order to  
take a pollen sample. I draw the sections  
with centimetres measuring. The section goes  
down to the natural + is complicated thus  
a subsurface appears below the turfline  
which dips above it. This stone - (Context  
13 before its removal) now appears to have  
been resting recumbent with a damp hollow  
developing around it while recumbent.  
(last year we thought that we had the  
edge of a stone hollow (within which  
we presumed a stone hole) - - but no  
stone now appears to be here ~  
now we have a different configuration +  
morphology.

Helen is digging an enormous pit to the west of the largest terminal stone cutting. We hope to lever the stone back into this hole - with it slanting away from the layer (now covered by it) which we wish to excavate. I am not sure however how possible it would be to make it recumbent again to suit F.H.P.

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He has produced a stone record -  
ing form with shapes etc at which  
he was  
photoc  
pies  
During the evening Mike comes over to my caravan while I am preparing prawn crackers and shares some of my wine. We later go to the bar with June & discuss the recurrent theme of excavation regarding methodology versus anthropological observation. At Henry's arrival and tells us that they have been on the wrapping stones ... in a black shawl with gold sunbursts that evening. He discusses with him Chns. Wayne's idea that the western settlement has been badly robbed + reconfigured - with a recurrent theme of turning houses into caves. It is an exciting concept given the nature of the structure of Hut 23 now being revealed - without bedding trenches it is easy to rob, move + reconstruct stones + create reverso + mirror images. When I had returned to Hut 23 at the end of the day I noted that Mike (Camilla) had dug a test pit to the side of the cobblestone - the test of the cobbling had continued to the next house. In fact it does not but it is interesting to note a stone line well below the surface near the top of the hill. One gets the impression that the hill is a

mess of scree, with the large stones 'lifted'  
on top + probably moving further than individual  
pieces of scree]

NB also noted in Mike's Hut 23 today, now  
two pieces of fine sandstone (the second under  
a now removed stone). CT wants them to  
be little mention in the left of the 'Shrine Room'.  
I see them as rubbers.

Before going to bed go across to B's  
caravan - find B, Wayne, Jill, Chris Crystal  
Helen - all looking as if they have drunk  
water alot. Wayne provides cream + a  
bandage for my burnt leg (boiling water  
poured over it from the field I have this afternoon.)  
- he is a qualified First Aider. Another discussion  
about the excavation / survey dichotomy  
ensues - we feel there is communication  
in the sense that there are conversations between  
those involved in both activities but there is  
rarely a 'public discussion' between us all  
as a group... it will come together in the write up  
we think. I also note that it would be good  
to isolate the questions raised by this years settlement  
survey to feed into the excavation strategy.

~~Want talk to Chris about the trench~~  
of next year. Leave caravan for bed c. 2.30pm -  
Chris has still to give Christine a lift home.

Wednesday June 19th

Wake up to find that I have overslept  
- time 7.50. Get up rapidly + get some breakfast  
that I can eat in the car. Chris has had  
two of his books returned but not the green  
one. He says that he returned it at 3.30 last night.  
June, Mike, Helen, Gary + me go to site, this time  
via the Westmoorgate route - shorter but a  
more barren experience. The fence around the  
trench has been truly wreaked by the cattle  
overnight. Fence posts are now on the ground  
- they must seem like giant rubbing posts to  
them. I would take the posts down altogether  
now if it were not for the 'stone pit' which  
Helen has dug - which they might fall down.

The weather is hazy today with a slight wind.

Discuss with Helen + Mike whether if the stone  
was dropped into the pit - it could be returned  
to the necessary decumbent position for Elt -  
we think not - and now consider excavating  
under the stone in its decumbent position since

one end of it is raised + it is possible to empty this part of the fill of the pit/cut beneath it.

The section under context 23 look v much if it had a cut in it - got Camilla to clean up the surface + then we emptied it - it appears to be a post pit with a single stone packer - it's an approximate line with the stones towards + is earlier than the stratline of the dismantled context 13 stone

went down to Mike's trench before leaving - A trench had been put across the floor of the excavated side to try and sort out 14 sequence - it seems to have come down, or more or less, passed through a second iron pan + possibly delected the Webb in one part. Similarly Bill has placed a trench through cobbles - putting more rubble + possibly the Webb. Mike seems tense - I say that the site is taxing - he says 'more like a pig's ear'; Dark clouds over brown Willy - v atmospheric. Back to camp side <sup>\*# it says abruptly</sup> ~~that he is leaving for~~ Mike walking silently. ... And meat the night nice that Chris is back. AG arrives in

(Next day - he's sick of looking at stones)

Want talk to Chris about the trench!

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caravan c. 9pm + says that Mike has gone to bed. Jane comes over to my caravan as well - we talk + drink until c. 12am

Thursday June 20th

Mike is in a black mood - go over to caravan and ask him to smile - why? he says. Today is really our day off + the weather is not ~~not the~~ too good - some slight rain. Decide to go on site with Jane, Chris, Mike, Jill + Garry just for the morning. Helen will stay behind in the caravan - sort out her paperwork. Chris + I go up by the pretty route while Jane + co arrive via Westmoor Gate. Jane has managed to 'improve' Mike's mood by arrival time. We look at Helen's trench + the fence which the cattle have pushed down yet again. Mike sees the potential large terminal stone tip on the edge of the trench + jigsaws it against the stone's broken edge - it fits perfectly - yes we now have for sure a pointed top stone.

We then go over to Mike's trench and look at his handwork - decide that it needs cleaning up before 'closing' down.

We decide to complete one task before leaving

Site for our afternoon off. We decide to take down the fence around the stone now terminal - just like last year there is a sense of release as the site is released into the landscape. We return to the car - decide to look at Altarnum church - it is truly marvellous - light space - a wonderful norman font with heads looking as if they were cut out of wood - the carved peg ends appear to be beautiful dark burr oak and are more numerous than I expected.

Afternoon - the Hulles, Cheese Wring, Showe's pecked millstone shape round + beyond. The Hulles being close to a bad road + car park seems to be less civilized - also the cheese ring - life get more hemmed + inspined beyond the cheese wring - but by comparison Lesternick seems to be enclosed, removed, surrounded + beautiful. Manage, by getting in front to have some space to walk on my own ...

Spend evening in a slow serving pub at Tudy - On return Mike comes back to my caravan + talk to c. 2pm.

Friday - June 21<sup>st</sup>

Arrive on site to see B coming over the horizon from Westmoor gate with a shopping trolley - filled with food for our solstice evening. She has also brought good coffee and croissants up to site - we sit and have this while she shows me photocopies of Tom's drawings of the stone - grant terminal - in the stone row trench - The work wonderfully - the combination of running pastel paints and rough textured paper really give the effect of stone in the photocopy - Work to about 12pm - mark burnt stones on the 39 plan and take some levels - feel as if everything is winding down. Hens trench is at the point of final mattocking down to natural. Just before lunch B + ci take me around the southern settlement showing houses filled with rubble and + houses with earth mounds outside. Undoubtedly this settlement is much more depleted and changed / reconfigured than the western settlement. I like the idea of putting rubble inside the houses to close them down. I had expected the rubble to be a central, circular mound in

\* There is certainly more than one shaped 'cairn' - we need to make decisions about variability + patterning. Some harder edges  
the centre of each house from CTS [definitions]  
description of houses with cairn, but these  
little mounds were often to one side of the house.  
This 'pattern' certainly needs explanation →  
Jan + friend arrived at lunch time with  
mock up stones for the terminal area.

They were made of orange boxes - covered in  
fruit gauze + painted a stoney colour -  
My initial response is that they look like a  
pastiche of stone monoliths and somewhat  
comical.

While maltocking Helen has discovered  
another stone pit complete with pack.  
we now appear to have a stone row  
terminal along the axis of the stone row  
with two outliers - a posthole + a standing  
stone at the same level on either side of  
the stone row axis. The stoney area under (within)  
the turf of area under context 13 also seems to  
be a feature - it has charcoal flecks in it -  
but the stones themselves do not appear to be  
burnt - it appears to be a dump of some kind  
other than a hearth.

Terry takes us to see his cairn on the edge of the western

Settlement - a well defined little mound -- there  
appears to have been some digging out of large stones  
nestly - its so difficult to be sure about anything!

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Towards the late afternoon Miles 'trench' through the  
floor of Hut 23 is cleaned up ready for our solstice  
visitors this evening. We now think that  
we have occurring sump-like feature leading  
away from the triangular backstone.

The section shows a cut under the 'flagstones'  
of the sump - - fitted with rubble -

When we return to stone terminal trench B +  
Jan are setting up two of the orange box stones  
with Helen still working on emptying the  
new post pit packing. They are somewhat wobbly  
even when stuffed with packing stones  
and need guy ropes to hold them down.

It seems somewhat unprogress to have everyone  
trudging across Helen's trench prior to  
cleaning up + a post excavation shot.

To the side the spoil heap is being  
modelled into Rough Tor - complete  
with stones representing its rocky stacks  
Matt + CF work at this + on completion  
various of us take photos of the Rough  
Tor spoil heap - - backed by Rough Tor  
on the skyline.

B supplies a marvellous picnic - furnished with a table cloth and bright red plastic knives and forks! Chris, Janie & Mike go back to Lerrynford for a meal - it's quite windy + cold. Feel I ought to wait for Pete Herring + the Cornish people - never mind the solstice. Pete arrives around 7pm and we tour the various trenches. The mock stones actually look pretty good from Hut 29 - and we discuss how dramatic the terminal would look if re-erected + what a marvellous confirmation it is of Pete's original 'find' of the stone row. Pete agrees with our 'careful' approach to the excavation of the houses + talks of how Andrew (F) returned over several seasons to the Holme Moor houses.

Chris is rather tired + worn out with the project - have a chat on the hill before leaving us, complete with red tool box to meet - J, C + m by Ford gate by 9:30 pm. The sun is just setting, swirling + pulsating as it goes down over the hill. Manage, with my less than perfect sense

of direction to walk straight into a bog other than the tin-miners cleft in the hill which I was aiming for. The bog is amazingly marshy. I have Jamaica Inn images of yound ones in the bog complete with my red tool box time capsule. I finally make my way out and walk as quickly as possible to the ford in the now fading light. Just as I am getting to the large stone with fence over it forming a stile which takes us off the moor to the parking area - J, C + m (the latter two kept warm with blankets - - appear - - Back to the camp site. CT appears 8min after me in the caravan + goes straight to bed - leaves caravan and drink whiskey in Janie's caravan with Mike + Chris.

Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 96

Chris appears while I am having breakfast & sits  
opposite eating a can of nice pudding with  
the jagged lid still prodded up.

He takes Charlie to the station - B + Chris have  
decided to come up to the site after lunch - shop  
at <sup>at Crofto buy another bottle of whiskey</sup> we seem to be getting through  
A small group of us arrive on site - Jane Helen <sup>of the</sup> <sup>resturant</sup>  
Garry for the Stone row trench - Mike + Jill Pov <sup>Shuttle</sup>  
Hut 23 + Chris & myself to context Hut 39.  
It is windy again & as a consequence a little  
cold. Tony Blackman arrives with a local stone  
wall builder. They discuss whether the  
roofs (eg of Hut 39) were not symmetrically  
pitched to take the load onto the largest  
earth/ast stone & prevent the house walls moving  
downhill.

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Arrived at Juloot's well cure 12 noon in a  
conspicuous white vauxhall Astro van with  
decrepit body work, peeling trim and  
Eastbourne Van hire written in conspicuous  
blue down each side. Mike had uttered more  
swear words per minute about vanous  
drivers and the vans manoeuvrability  
than I reckon could be extracted from  
me if a liebhme - all archaeologist?  
Was he kidding - my street cred was  
fading fast.

They weren't ready to let us into the  
caravans at JW --- so we went to  
Westmoor Gate via the Camelford poshe  
shop + a search for real sunglasses  
in the chemist for Mike - ones which  
were dark enough for no one to  
see your eyes. The chairman at  
Trewint farm kindly phoned a friend  
for us to bring a 4-wheel drive  
for loading all the equipment

